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NEW WHALER VIOLA SAILS.
Craft Was Built at Essex and Fitted
at This Port.

The new and handsome brig Viola sailed from New Bedford the latter part of last week and her departure marked a new era in the whaling world. Not for some years has a whaling brig sailed from that port, and it is a strange circumstance that the records of the port of Boston show that not a brig arrived there during last year.

Brigs are a handy rig, and when Capt. John A. Cook of the John A. Cook Whaling Company decided to build a whaler, on account of the phenomenal luck and success his first whaler, the Valkyria, met with, he decided immediately on a square rigger, and a brig as the proper thing for a small vessel.

The Viola was built by Tarr & James at Essex, and fitted at this port, and while she has a fisherman's hull, she will carry much more than the ordinary fisherman of her build. She is just under 200 tons burthen, and old whalemens, who have been admiring her while she has been fitting out have seen much to praise in her build and little to criticise.

The Viola hails from Portland and is named after Capt. Cook's wife who is making the trip with him as "assistant navigator." She has been 12 years with her husband at sea, and three years of this time was spent in the dreary Arctic ocean consecutively. The Bowhead, Capt. Cook's steamer, spent one winter north and then decided to remain another winter. Then the next season the Bowhead got caught in the ice north and it was necessary to winter a third season in the Arctic. This voyage was a trying one to Mrs. Cook, and she returned the next year much broken in health, but now having thoroughly recovered and her husband going only sperm whaling she decided to accompany him.

Capt. Cook was born in Provincetown and early in life took to the sea, going out in schooners. He gradually worked his way up till he became commander of his own craft, and the Viola is his latest.

Capt. Cook goes this time for an 18 months' trip, and will try to find the big sperm whale. The Viola will first head for the western grounds and then move toward the coast of Africa.

NO CHANGE HERE.

Fishermen For a Thousand Years by
Methods Now In Use.

The Lowestoft fishermen say that the method of catching herrings has scarcely changed during the last thousand years or more, and that their nets must be the same in principle as those which were employed before Richard the Lion-hearted and his Crusaders sailed for the Holy Land. The statement has much of truth in it, and when we drift at our nets on the lonely sea, with our great lamp-like riding-light burning steadily amidships, we present much the same spectacle that could have been witnessed many centuries ago. It was at night when the herrings were caught, and night on the vast and melancholy waste of water hides that modernity which only day reveals. There are other riding-lights, and here and there, the mast-head and side-lights of a steamer going north or south; but the steel and iron hulls are only guessed by some chance glimmer from a port or deck house.

And the men have changed but little surely! Their dress for work is primitive, hiding all that is suggestive of the modern landsman. There is a jumper which the skipper and crew wear—a garment made of stout canvas and barked with the sailcloth. It covers the arms and trunk nearly to the knees, almost as the coarse smock garbed the serf of old and the men of his rank who would alone, in those days, get to sea to fish. The jumper in its long variety is like a nightdress. Its short form is generally favored, but skippers often use the long garment, as the covering keeps the cold out, and skippers, being leaders, have spare time in which to feel the drafts that invade all unprotected crevices. There are rough thick, woolen stockings and boots which may be thigh boots, or half boots, or clumpers according to the weather, and as for headdress that is anything in the way of covering which comes handy, but mostly a cap, except in bad weather when it is the so'wester.—Scribner's Magazine.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Almeida sold to the American Halibut Company for 10 1-2 cents per pound.

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ANOTHER GOOD
TRAWL BANK TRIP

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell Arrived
With 260,000 Lbs. Cod.

Receipts of fish today are confined principally to one trip of 260,000 pounds of salt cod brought in by sch. Lucinda I. Lowell. This is one of the few remaining trawlers yet to arrive and her fare is one of the best landed here this season. In fact all the salt bank trawlers have done exceptionally well, on their first trips, while the dory handliners have not met with last years' success.

Two other arrivals today are schs. Maud F. Silva with 20,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Thomas Brundage with 6000 pounds, both of which came via Boston.

The pollock seiners which went out yesterday did not return today which is evident that this school of fish have left this part of the coast.

Today's arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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- Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Quero Bank, 260,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, via Boston, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Ellen C. Burke, seining.
- Sch. Indiana, seining.
- Sch. Appomattox, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, seining.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddock-ing.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
- Sch. Rebecca, drifting.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
- Sch. Volant, swordfishing.
- Sch. Esperanto, shacking.
- Sch. Kineo, halibuting.
- Sch. Selma, haddocking.
- Sch. Yakima, halibuting.
- Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
- Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, shacking.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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Swordfish at Newport.

Thirty-two swordfish caught by sch. Eva and Mildred of Portland, Me., were landed at Newport yesterday, running from 100 to 350 pounds each and sold to Boston parties for 15 cents a pound, in all \$900. The schooner caught the fish south of No Man's land after a week's cruising. Each member of the crew received as his share \$85.

Block Island sent over nine swordfish during the day, which also went to Boston.

Steamers F. S. Willard landed 20 barrels of weakfish and Winona 30 barrels of scup.

Twenty-five barrels of weakfish came from along the bay, which went to New York and Boston.

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T WHARF NOW
WELL SUPPLIED.

Another Large Fleet Reported
at Boston Today.

The fish receipts at Boston yesterday were the largest in a long time, reaching nearly one million pounds of ground fish, while the seiners landed about 25,000 large fresh mackerel. The vessels striking an empty market, prices were quite firm, so that with the exception of a couple of small trips brought down here, the entire receipts met ready disposal.

It is noticeable among the large amount of fish brought in yesterday there were but few cusk. This kind of fish is in good demand for splitting but receipts today are the smallest for the last three years.

Today's receipts at Boston continue heavy and prices are somewhat easier. This was as predicted in the Times last week when the market was bare of most all kinds of fish and prices exceedingly firm.

A number of vessels in today as well as yesterday are from off-shore grounds, so that their catches are much larger than those fishing nearer home.

One vessel is at T wharf with a small catch of swordfish which are bringing 15 cents a pound.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Jessie Costa, 4000 haddock, 23,000 cod.
- Sch. Philip P. Manta, 3000 haddock, 26,000 cod.
- Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 28,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 14,000 hake.
- Sch. Emerald, 15,000 hake, 500 cusk.
- Sch. Arbitrator, 3000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
- Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 15,000 cod.
- Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 23,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Gertrude, 4000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 13,000 hake.
- Sch. Buena, 15,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Mary C. Silveira, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Matchless, 5000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Teaser, 15,000 halibut, 20,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.
- Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 7000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.
- Sch. William A. Morse, 9000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Quonnapowitt coming in.
- Sch. Mattakeesett, 7000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 15 swordfish.
- Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Etta B., 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. A. W. Black, 31 swordfish.
- Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$2; halibut, 8 cts. per lb.; swordfish, 15 cts. per lb.

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Landed Bill Fish.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, which arrived at Boston yesterday, had among her fare a large bill fish which was captured on Georges. This species of fish is seldom seen here and it attracted much attention among fishermen at T wharf.

Fishing Boat Burned.

The little fishing schooner Ripple and a large motor boat, the property of the Shiloh colony, were destroyed by fire at South Freeport, Me., on the Fourth, the fire supposed to have been started by boys in that neighborhood.

After Ice and Bait.

Schs. Rob Roy, Arabia and Lillian arrived at Liverpool, N. S., Monday last for ice and bait and cleared for the fishing grounds.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Senator was sold to the American Halibut Company for 7 1-2 cents right through.

July 7.

WILL ABANDON MACKEREL SEINING.

Captain of Sch. Natalie J. Nelson Thinks Prospects Poor.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson of the seining fleet, arrived at this port last night and Capt. Albert Larkin reports the prospects poor at this time. He had been out to Block Island off No Man's Land, in South Channel, and in fact had sailed over a large tract of fishing ground and did not see any mackerel.

Capt. Larkin intends to withdraw from seining and fit out for shack fishing, as he is somewhat skeptical of a good school of fish making their appearance on this shore this season. But there are some who think that the whales seen off Nantucket the last few days are an encouraging sign that a good school of mackerel will yet make their appearance.

As no vessels have arrived, it seems that the mackerel reported near the Cultivator shoal a few days ago, when four or five small fares were secured, would not warrant the assertion that a large body of fish was in that vicinity, or some of the other vessels there would have good hauls and been in by this time.

The few remaining small netters at Newport and New Bedford are bringing in some few fish, 71 barrels being received at Boston from them yesterday.

A report from Boston today is to the effect that a vessel arrived there and fishermen at Port Clyde, Me., report mackerel schooling off there, and quite a few were being taken by the shore boats in nets and on hook.

Sch. Squanto sailed from Boston yesterday on a seining trip to Georges where mackerel are reported to be schooling.

July 7.

NEW CANADIAN LAW.

Relative to the Discharge of Crews of Vessels at Ports of Entry.

The attention of masters of vessels is called to the provisions of the new Canadian immigration act of May 4 of the present year relative to the discharge of members of the crews of vessels at Canadian ports.

Section 52 of the act contains the following provisions:

"4. If the master of the vessel arriving at any port of entry in Canada shall pay off or discharge any member of the crew of such vessel without such member having been first examined by an immigration officer, as required under Section 33 of this Act, he shall be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars and not less than twenty dollars for every member of the crew so paid off or discharged.

"5. If the master of any vessel arriving at any port of entry in Canada fails to report to the immigration officer in charge every case of desertion from the crew of such vessel occurring at such port so soon as such desertion is discovered, or shall refuse to neglect to describe the deserter for purpose of identification whenever required by such officer, he shall be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars and not less than twenty dollars in case of each such deserter."

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No Albicore Yet Taken in Local Waters.

So far this season not one large albacore, formerly frequently found in the fish traps at Swampscott, and shore towns along Cape Cod, has been taken in any of these places. Along the shores of Nova Scotia, however, where in former years they were found later in the season, quite a number have been taken, most of which have been sent here for sale.

Swordfish Hard to Capture.

The captains of the two swordfishermen which arrived at Boston yesterday report that the fish are scarce and unusually shy this season, being extremely difficult of approach.

July 7.

SUPPLY WILL BE WELL CLEANED UP

Boston Dealers Not Overburdened With Fish Today.

Receipts of fish at Boston today are light for only seven or eight vessels arrived since yesterday and prices on nearly every variety are firm. One fare of 19 swordfish in was selling at 17 cents a pound.

It was expected, however, that receipts would be light for most of the vessels out arrived the two previous days, leaving but a small coterie for the remainder of the week.

The next two days will probably see a clean up at T wharf, for most of the off shore vessels have been in since the Fourth and will not make another trip for some days. For a supply the dealers for the next few days will have to depend upon the shore fishermen whose catches are liable to be small at present time.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 4000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
- Sch. E. S. Black, 19 swordfish.
- Sch. John J. Fallon, 14,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Harriet, 24,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.
- Sch. Leo, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 300 cod, 1500 pollock.
- Sch. Josie and Phebe, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Georgiana, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 cod, 8000 pollock.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos.
- Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$3; swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.

Newfoundland Fishing Notes.

At Grand Bank last week there were 17,000 quintals of codfish piled and spread on the beach at one time. All this was landed from bankers, and of the lot only some 600 quintals are ready for market, as the weather has been so bad that drying operations have been considerably hampered. It is expected to have this fish ready for shipment about July 20.

The banker Huron arrived at Old Perlican from the Grand Banks with 600 quintals codfish for his second trip. Captain Martin has been very successful to date and has landed about 1250 quintals.

A letter to a business man from Scilly Cove today says there is a good sign of cod at Baccalleu, but none in Trinity Bay.

News from Placentia indicates good fishing in that vicinity. One trap at Argentinia had 160 qtls., an unusually large catch, and hook and liners did well at St. Bride's and along the Cape Shore.

At Portugal Cove recently some of the traps secured four and five quintals. Men with jiggers also did well, bait being very plentiful.

Fish is now very plentiful at Witless Bay and for four days work last week, O'Driscoll's traps secured over 200 quintals. Men with trawls are also doing well there and at other places along the shore.

At Paradise, P. B., codfish is very plentiful and the fishermen are getting all they can handle. At Point Breame, fishers are also doing well.

Another Big Trip of Salt Cod.

The sch. Bohemia, Capt. Ormsby Seeley, arrived today from Quero on a salt trawl codfishing trip. Capt. Seeley brings the fourth largest trip to be landed here this season. He tells the same story of the dory handline fleet meeting with poor success as those who preceded him. This fare goes to the firm of Sylvanus Smith & Co., who own this vessel.

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TWO ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

One From Burgeo Bank and the Other Via Boston.

Receipts of fish at this port today are of a light order, none of the salt codfishermen having arrived since last report. Sch. Senator from the gulf fishing grounds brought in 18,000 pounds of halibut and 2000 pounds of salt cod, while sch. Teazer via Boston, has 25,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish.

It was expected that some others of the dory handline fleet would be in, so that they would refit in good season for the summer trip. There non-arrival is evidence that they are finding fish scarce and their first trips will be prolonged well into summer.

Sch. Bohemia, Capt. Seeley, the last to arrive of the salt bank trawlers, arrived shortly after noon today with 275,000 pounds of salt cod.

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- Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.
- Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, seining.
- Sch. Good Luck, via Boston.
- Sch. Bohemia, Quero Bank, 275,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Patriot, drifting.
- Sch. Juno, halibuting.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddock-ing.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
- Sch. Cherekee, swordfishing.
- Sch. Marsala, salt cod trawling.
- Sch. Appomattox, drifting.
- Sch. Preceptor, halibuting.
- Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, swordfishing.

Today's Fish Market.

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- Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.
- Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.